

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi [signature]
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: March 2, 2004

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: “Certified Public Accountancy
Licensure, Registration, and Professional Corporation
Ownership Amendment Act of 2003”

REFERENCE: Draft – No Bill Number

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2004 budget and the FY 2004 through FY 2007 budget and financial plan to implement “Certified Public Accountancy Licensure, Registration, and Professional Corporation Ownership Amendment Act of 2003.” The proposed legislation has no fiscal impact.

Background

The proposed legislation updates the regulations governing the practice of accounting in the District of Columbia by bringing them into compliance with the Second Omnibus Regulatory Reform Amendment of 1998 (D.C. Law 12-261).

The bill changes the composition of the Board of Accountancy and repeals the requirement that individuals and firms that practice as public accountants but do not provide services that require a license, registration and permit as a certified public accountant or certified public accounting firm to continue to register with or obtain a permit from the Board of Accountancy.

The proposed legislation also allows non-licensees to control up to 49 percent of the financial interests and voting rights of all partners, officers, shareholders, members or

managers of firms organized to offer certified public accounting services within the District of Columbia.

Financial Plan Impact

Implementing the proposed legislation will have no impact on District staff or resource needs.